Recently in February, 1991, modified version of the report was sent to the Commission. But the Screening Committee of the Commission opined that the goal of modernisation and its justification are not clearly reflected. The report, therefore has been returned to the State Government in June, 1991. The State Government is requested to resubmit the report, if considered necessary, after removing the deficiencies.

Construction of PULICHINTALA-project, Andhra Pradesh

810. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct PULICHINTALA-project in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) since how long the proposal is pending; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in clearing the proposal and at what stage of consideration is the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had forwarded a project report for Pulichintala Project estimated to cost Rs. 138.57 crores in October, 1985. The scheme envisages construction of a reservoir across river Krishna with a capacity of 1296 Million Cubic Metre (45.75 Thousand Million Cubic Feet) near Pulichintala village in Guntur District mainly to provide assured water supply in the months of June and July for trans-plantation of paddy in Krishna Delta under Prakasam Barrage.

(c) and (d) An examination of the project proposal in Central Water Commission revealed that it was not based on detailed surveys, investigations, designs and estimates and also the need and justification for the project were also not clearly brought out. The project was, therefore, returned to the State Government in October, 1986 for preparing a revised project report. The State Government have informed that they have constituted in May, 1990 an Expert Committee to go into the details of all aspects of the Pulichintala project and prepare a project report in a manner acceptable to the Central Water Commission.

Construction of multipurpose project on Godavari river

811. DR. YALAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a multipurpose PULICHINTALA-A-project in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and since how long the proposal is pending;

(c) how many times further clarifications are sought from the States Government; and

(d) what are these and at what stage the consideration is pending?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d) The details of Polavaram Project together with its status of appraisal is attached as Statement. (*See* below).

Statement

(a) The Polavaram multipurpose project of Andhra Pradesh on river Godavari envisages construction of a dam across Godavari river to provide irrigation on both sides to an area of 4.37 lakh hectares annually in the districts of Vishakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari and water supply to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and other industries and also hydro power generation besides diversion of 80 Thousand Million Cubic Feet (TMC) of Godavari Waters to Krishna river.

(b) The Stage-I of the Polavaram Project envisaging construction of a dam across river Godavari and left bank canal to provide irrigation facilities to an area